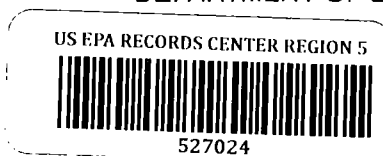




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The Honorable Jason Allen
State Representative
State Capitol
P.O. Box 30014
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Dear Representative Allen:

Thank you for your July 18, 2002 letter concerning Cherry Blossom, LLC (known as Williamsburg Receiving and Storage), located in Whitewater Township, Grand Traverse County.

The Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ's) Air Quality Division, Surface Water Quality Division (SWQD), and Waste Management Division are jointly pursuing resolution of a wide variety of regulatory issues with Williamsburg Receiving and Storage. We are addressing issues related to unpermitted discharges to surface and ground waters, improper monitoring and reporting of discharges that have been permitted. In addition, serious odors were generated from the Williamsburg Receiving and Storage site. The DEQ's Cadillac District Office staff has pursued compliance and resolution with this company for nearly two years.

The DEQ is now attempting to reach a settlement with Williamsburg Receiving and Storage that will address all noncompliance issues related to protecting the waters of the state as well as eliminating the noxious odors.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David A. Hamilton, Chief, SWQD, at 517-335-4176, or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

Russell J. Harding
Director
517-373-7917

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